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- From 1 to 16 January 1953, the Busche Kaserne in Leisnig was occupied by an estimated 1,400 to 1,500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia and by about 180 officers. All barracks buildings were fully lighted after nightfall. About 30 trucks were sheltered in the installation. At 9:30 a.m. on 1 January, 6 officers and about 120 soldiers were lined up in the barracks yard. At 9 a.m. on 2 January, 1 senior lieutenant, 2 lieutenants and 29 EM engaged in firing practice. At 10:30 a.m., JSU-122 guns [redacted] were seen at driving practice in the area south of the installation. At 4:30 p.m., four JSU-122 guns were seen in front of the garages. At 11 a.m. on 3 January, four groups of each 9 soldiers received instruction on machine guns. At 8:45 a.m. on 6 January, 1 captain, 1 senior lieutenant and about 30 EM practiced throwing hand grenades at targets. JSU-122 guns [redacted] were seen in the installation. On 8 January, two soldiers erected two poles, about 8 meters high, which were interconnected by a wire on which a hex sign was fixed [redacted] a device for aiming practices. Two BA-64 armored scout cars were seen at driving practice inside the installation. On 9 January, JSU-122 gun [redacted] was seen at driving practice in the area south of the installation. On 10 January, 16 officers and 135 EM commanded by a major were seen at a tactical walk northwest of the installation. At about 2 p.m., the JSU-122 guns [redacted] were seen at driving practice in the area south of the installation. At 4:30 p.m. on 12 January, two JS-3 tanks [redacted] left the installation and returned a short time later. At about 10 a.m. on 16 January, about 100 soldiers practiced marching in the installation. Motor vehicles seen en route to the installation [redacted]

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- From 1 to 16 January, the Friedrich August Kaserne was occupied to capacity by an estimated 1,500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia. [redacted] on 14 January [redacted] 12 rocket launchers in a shed. On 3 January, about 150 troops left the installation and subsequently engaged in marksmanship training over a distance of about 100 meters at the drill ground. At 9:45 a.m. on 6 January, about 80 soldiers with rifles practiced marching. At 1:30 p.m. on 7 January, 46 soldiers with red and blue small flags marched into the installation. At 3:15 p.m., three groups of 15 soldiers each and 5 officers were seen at aiming practice with submachine guns. At 11:30 a.m. on 10 January, truck [redacted] occupied by a senior lieutenant and 20 soldiers entered the in-

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stallation. On 15 January, about 60 soldiers practiced marching and drilled with rifles in the barracks yard. At 11:45 a.m. on 16 January, 50 EM engaged in marksmanship training with rifles on the drill field. Motor vehicles

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were seen en route to the installation.

Comment. This information confirms the 64th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the 8th Gds Mecz Div until 16 January, and the unidentified Gds RL battalion of the 8th Gds Mecz Div until 14 January in the barracks installations in Leisnig. The present report fails to give indications for the 358th Gds AAA Regt also carried in Leisnig.

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